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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/755,524 First Named Applicant: John F. Bently
Examiner: Sterling, Amy Jo Art Unit: 3632 Status of Application: Final

Tentative Participants:

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Proposed Date of Interview: June 22, 2006 Proposed Time: 4:30 EST (PM)

Type of Interview Requested: (1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, provide brief description: Final OA, page 4 diagram and Fig. 1 of the present application.

Issues to be Discussed

| Issues (Rej., Obj., etc) | Claims/ Fig. #s | Prior Art | Discussed | Agreed | Not Agreed |
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| (1) <u>102 Rej.</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>Ward (6203232)</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) <u>102 Rej.</u> | <u>14, 19</u> | <u>Ward (6203232)</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) <u>102 Rej.</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>Ward (6203232)</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (4) <u>102 Rej.</u> | <u>21, 22</u> | <u>Ward (6203232)</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (5) <u>102 Rej.</u> | <u>24</u> | <u>Ward (6203232)</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

Claim 1 recites, inter alia, "a single row of slots" whereas Ward only teaches a plurality of rows of slots. Claims 14 and 19 recite, inter alia, "at least four orifices" where each of two pairs are particularly oriented relative to the slots, and Ward teaches nothing like this. Claim 15 recites, inter alia, "at least one pair of orifices in the plate associated with each slot" whereas Ward teaches at most one pair of orifices associated with the one slot at the center of the plate and not a pair of orifices associated with each slot in the plate. Claims 21 and 22 recite, inter alia, a process and structure for using the bracket in combination with a vent cover whereas Ward teaches a flat plate for use to join trusses together. Claim 24 recites, inter alia, "a single row of slots" and "at least one pair of orifices in the plate associated with each slot", and for the combined reasons just noted for Claims 1 and 15, Ward does not teach such features.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on June 22, 2006.

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(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

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